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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the restriction requirement mailed September 24, 2007 and for which a response is due on October 24, 2007. Claims 1-12 are currently pending in the application and are subject to the following restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Group I: Claims 1-45, drawn to compounds and compositions of of formula I or II wherein either HET-1 or HET-2 (or both) is/are 1,3-diazine, compounds classified in class 544, subclass 242+.

Group II: Claims 1-45, drawn to compounds and compositions of of formula I wherein HET-1 is pyridine or compounds and compositions of Formula II where both HET-1 and HET-2 are pyridine classified in class 546.

Group III: Claims 1-45, drawn to compounds and compositions of of formula I wherein HET-1 is 1,4-diazine or compounds and compositions of Formula II where both HET-1 is 1,4-diazine and HET-2 is either 1,4-diazine or pyridine, classified in class 544, subclass 336+.

Group IV: Claims 46-58, drawn to method of treatment in a patient, classified in class 514.

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